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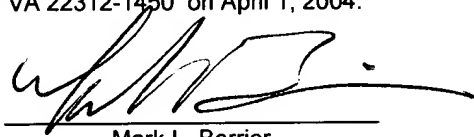
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with the Applicant's Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.
Remarks begin on page 7.